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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have approved the retirement of Vice Admiral Michael D. Malone, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list. I have exercised my authority to reduce the 3-year service-in-grade requirement and certify that Vice Admiral Malone has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade. Vice Admiral Malone, who is 56 years of age, currently serves as Commander Naval Air Force, United States Pacific Fleet. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

